CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for user-configured network analysis reporting, comprising:

(a) identifying a plurality of templates provided based on user input;

(b) querying a database for network traffic information based on the identified templates;

(c) populating the templates with the network traffic information; and

(d) reporting the network traffic information over a network utilizing the populated templates.

2. The method as recited in claim 1, and further comprising displaying an interface with which the templates are provided.

3. The method as recited in claim 1, and further comprising generating a parameter file.

4. The method as recited in claim 3, wherein the parameter file is generated based on the user input.

5. The method as recited in claim 4, wherein the templates are provided based on the parameter file.

6. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the templates include templates of a first type and templates of a second type.

7. The method as recited in claim 6, wherein the templates of the first type and the templates of the second type differ with respect to a versatility thereof.

8. The method as recited in claim 6, wherein the templates of the first type and the templates of the second type differ with respect to a format thereof.

9. The method as recited in claim 6, wherein the templates of the first type are populated with the network traffic information utilizing a first module.

10. The method as recited in claim 6, wherein the templates of the second type are populated with the network traffic information utilizing a second module.

11. A computer program product for user-configured network analysis reporting, comprising:

(a) computer code for identifying a plurality of templates provided based on user input;

(b) computer code for querying a database for network traffic information based on the identified templates;

(c) computer code for populating the templates with the network traffic information; and

(d) computer code for reporting the network traffic information over a network utilizing the populated templates.

12. The computer program product as recited in claim 11, and further comprising computer code for displaying an interface with which the templates are provided.

13. The computer program product as recited in claim 11, and further comprising computer code for generating a parameter file.

14. The computer program product as recited in claim 13, wherein the parameter file is generated based on the user input.

15. The computer program product as recited in claim 14, wherein the templates are provided based on the parameter file.

16. The computer program product as recited in claim 11, wherein the templates include templates of a first type and templates of a second type.

17. The computer program product as recited in claim 16, wherein the templates of the first type and the templates of the second type differ with respect to a versatility thereof.

18. The computer program product as recited in claim 16, wherein the templates of the first type and the templates of the second type differ with respect to a format thereof.

19. The computer program product as recited in claim 16, wherein the templates of the first type are populated with the network traffic information utilizing a first module.

20. The computer program product as recited in claim 16, wherein the templates of the second type are populated with the network traffic information utilizing a second module.

21. A system for user-configured network analysis reporting, comprising:

(a) logic for identifying a plurality of templates provided based on user input;

(b) logic for querying a database for network traffic information based on the identified templates;

(c) logic for populating the templates with the network traffic information; and

(d) logic for reporting the network traffic information over a network utilizing the populated templates.

22. A method for user-configured network analysis reporting, comprising:

(a) determining whether a network analysis reporting system is operating in a report mode or edit mode;

(b) if the network analysis reporting system is operating in the report mode, identifying a plurality of existing templates;

(c) if the network analysis reporting system is operating in the edit mode, creating a plurality of templates based on user input;

(d) querying a database for network traffic information;

(e) populating the templates with the network traffic information; and

(f) reporting the network traffic information over a network utilizing the populated templates.

23. A method for user-configured network analysis reporting, comprising:

(a) displaying an interface;

(b) determining whether the interface is operating in a report mode or edit mode;

(c) if the interface is operating in the edit mode:

(i) receiving input from a user,

(ii) generating a parameter file based on the input,

(iii) validating the parameter file, and

(iv) storing the parameter file; and

(d) if the interface is operating in the report mode:

(i) identifying a user,

(ii) locating a parameter file, and

(iii) generating a report based on the parameter file by:

1) identifying templates in the parameter file,

2) retrieving templates of a first type from a first module,

3) retrieving templates of a second type from a second module,

4) querying a database, and

6) populating the templates utilizing network traffic information retrieved in response to the querying,

(iv) displaying the populated templates.